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Remarks

The Examiner rejected claim 28 under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as anticipated by *Knop*. Claim 28 has been canceled from the present application so that the previously allowed claims 1-27 may be issued as a patent without further delay. Claim 28 will be further pursued in a co-pending continuation application.

Having obviated each of the Examiners rejections, applicant respectfully requests that a notice of allowance be issued. Should the Examiner be inclined to issue an Official Action other than the notice of allowance, Applicant respectfully requests that the Examiner first contact applicant by telephone at the number listed below.

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